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INTRODUCTION

This is the first issue of the Bulletin *(appearing since 1979) to be published in the new location — New York — of the United Nations programme on ageing. Following a slow start-up, we will make every attempt to publish the* Bulletin *three times per year as in the past. We would like to thank briefly those of you who replied to our questionnaire in a recent issue and gave us valuable comments on recent articles in the* Bulletin *and on those you would like to see featured in future issues.*

The current issue features reports on the issues on ageing discussed at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly at the end of 1993, and on global events that took place to celebrate the International Day for the Elderly, held on 1 October 1993. Shorter articles cover the launching of the International Year of the Family, book reviews, non-governmental organizations activities, intergovernmental activities and a report on an Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia seminar in Cairo; finally, there is a calendar of events for 1994 and beyond.

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United Nations programme on ageing is now based in New York

As many of our readers are already aware, the United Nations programme on ageing has been relocated to United Nations Headquarters in New York, to become an integral part of the Division for Social Policy and Development in the newly established Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat. The Department will be responsible for, among other things, promoting an integrated approach to economic, social and environmental aspects of development that provides for sustainable, equitable and participatory development.

The Department has been assigned many important and challenging tasks. This, in turn, will require development of a new vision and innovative approaches within the programme on ageing. At the same time, the major mandate of the programme will continue to be monitoring and promotion of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing.

In the current decade the activities within the programme will be channelled towards 1999, the International Year of Older Persons. Combining the "traditional" orientation of the programme with its new tasks will require strengthening the partnerships between the programme and member States, non-governmental organizations and other United Nations bodies and organizations.

UNITED NATIONS ACTIVITIES

General Assembly discusses the question of ageing

Issues on ageing were discussed at the forty-eighth session of the General Assembly at the end of 1993, under agenda item 109: Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family.

General Assembly resolution 48/98, sponsored by the Dominican Republic, Malta and Austria, was adopted by the Assembly. The resolution, among other things, endorsed the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the third review and appraisal of the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing,* in the form of global and national targets on ageing for the year 2001; invited Governments, non-governmental organizations and United Nations organizations and bodies concerned with ageing to submit to the Secretary-General their proposals for the preparations for and observance of the International Year of Older Persons (1999); and called upon the Secretary-General to draft a conceptual framework of a programme for the preparation and observance of the Year and to submit it, through the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-fourth session in 1995, to the General Assembly for consideration at its fiftieth session in the same year.

*E/CN.5/1993/7.

Statements were made by Member States, United Nations officials and organizations that touched on national policies, strategies and philosophies with regard to the elderly. Some of those statements are highlighted below.

Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development and head of the new Department (DPCSD), in New York, within which the ageing programme has been newly relocated, in his introductory statement spoke of the renewed emphasis on social issues in the world community: "Every individual has the right to the opportunities and the resources to fully utilize his or her capacities. It also implies that the international community has a responsibility to assist in providing the means for ensuring the right to development for both men and women ... my Department is therefore concerned with the enabling environment — in all its facets — to promote the enjoyment of these rights by everyone."

Mr. Jacques Baudot, Director of the Division for Social Policy and Development in the Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development, also noted that "despite the diversity of circumstances and the sensitivity of many social issues, it has proved possible to identify common or analogous problems that are shared by countries across the globe. In recent years, as specific examples, we can point to the progress made in advancing a positive attitude to older persons ... and an understanding of their capacities to contribute to society".

The representative of **Kenya** noted that his country had a very large rural population which depended heavily on a strong traditional family to care for the elderly. This trend has been growing and has been largely successful in spite of rural-urban migration problems. Although the Kenyan Government receives assistance from non-governmental organizations and religious organizations, assistance to the elderly is considered to be the Government's ultimate responsibility. This emphasis on the role of the extended family was also echoed by the representative of Ghana.

The representative of **Malaysia** noted that an ageing society was not something to fear since the elderly could still contribute to society. However, as the population ages, the issue of taking care of those who need assistance will become more important. In Malaysia, the Government is committed to strengthening the family in this endeavour and believes that the welfare of people does not revolve around the State but around a strong family system.

Malta is expected to see an increase in the proportion of its elderly population from the current 14 per cent to 24 per cent by the year 2025. The Maltese Government believes that the only solution to the problem created by the growing elderly population is a transforma-

tion of the welfare State social policy into a welfare society — one in which all social institutions ranging from the State to the family play an important participatory role. In recent years the Government has taken various steps to complement universal pension entitlement with such schemes as home help and a hot meals service. A National Council for the Elderly was also formed during 1992.

The representative of **Canada** noted that although concerns about children were pressing, the needs of the elderly should not be ignored. The general issues of poverty, integration and health care are particularly important in Canada at the present time.

The representative of the **Islamic Republic of Iran** noted that with technological advancement came changes in social relationships, quite often to the detriment of groups such as the elderly. The Government supports the idea of education of the public through universities, schools and the mass media. The Government also supports the establishment of links and the promotion of cooperation among international organizations dealing with the elderly.

The representative of **Austria** focused during his speech on the practical advances his country had made at the national level with social policy *vis-à-vis* the elderly. During 1993, Austria introduced a reform of the legal pension provisions that would improve, in particular, social equality within the system: women with periods of interrupted employment due to child-rearing would receive credits for those periods so that their pensions did not suffer. Also during 1993, the Federal Act on Care Allowance, which covers all those in need of care, including the elderly, came into force. Under this Act, a person can freely decide on how to dispose of the allowance, which is a needs-based one. In addition, the Austrian Government has stated the following priorities for the elderly in the coming decade:

(*a*) Flexible retirement possibilities, to be decided by the elderly;

(*b*) Independent living with assistance as required;

(*c*) Ambulant health and care services;

(*d*) Participation of the elderly.

Special attention will also be given to housing needs.

Japan is likely to see the elderly constituting 25 per cent of the population by the year 2021, and the Government is, therefore, devoting increasing attention to the issue. A conference of ministers has been established that works on developing policies, based on Japan's National Plan of Action, to enhance conditions for the ageing. Japan also wishes to exchange information and experiences with other countries in order to move away from the idea of the elderly as people who need charity, and to recognize them as individuals who are able to contribute to society.

The World Bank representative noted that in many countries social security systems are inefficient and contribute little to poverty alleviation, since most of the people covered by them are from the urban middle class. The Bank is undertaking a study of social security and social insurance systems so that in the future more efficient and sustainable programmes can be developed.

International Day for the Elderly in 1994

To relate the activities of the Day to major United Nations conferences and events of 1994, two themes for observance of the Day are proposed:

- Population ageing and development (relating to the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, September 1994);
- Ageing and the family (relating to the International Year of the Family)

International Day for the Elderly, 1 October 1993

On 1 October 1993, the International Day for the Elderly was celebrated all over the world for the third time.

The Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, noted in his message issued on the International Day that although some developed countries were already nearing an older population level of 25 per cent, the developing world over the coming decades would face a much faster rate of the ageing of their populations.

He emphasized that all of us were responsible for both recognizing and supporting the role that the elderly played in our families and communities and for promoting a positive, active and developmentally oriented view of ageing, as called

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for in the International Plan of Action on Ageing.

In his message, which centred on the contribution of older persons to world peace and progress, he noted that as life-spans increased, so too did the opportunities for development of talents and skills, in particular the spiritual skills of understanding and tolerance which were essential if we were to see a new era of peace, progress and equity. The contribution of older persons in this area is vitally important. There can be a temptation for older persons to cling to past traditions, and to things that are familiar. However, when this is combined with tolerance and the enjoyment of life, past traditions can represent a positive transfer of experience.

Finally, the Secretary-General voiced his hope that the elderly would be fully heard in the upcoming International Conference on Population and Development in 1994, and the Fourth World Conference on Women and the World Summit for Social Development, both in 1995, since the ageing population would be an important issue at each of these gatherings.

Grandmother being awarded first prize at a fancy dress competition in New Delhi, India

United Nations Headquarters

The theme of the third annual commemoration of the International Day for the Elderly at United Nations Headquarters in New York was "Population and development: the challenge of ageing". A seminar was organized by the New York–based Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Ageing, and the topic was selected to focus on preparations under way for the International Conference on Population and Development, to be held at Cairo in September 1994, and to ensure that the question of ageing was properly reflected in the Conference agenda. To this end, the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee on Ageing provided participants with the draft recommendations that it had proposed which would be provided to those who were preparing the final document of the International Conference on Population and Development.

The message of the Secretary-General, a summary of which is reproduced above, was read, and speakers included Ambassador Julia Alvarez de Tavares of the Dominican Republic, Minister Mitsuko Horiuchi of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations and representatives of the United Nations programme on ageing and the United Nations Population Fund. There were also speakers from the Non-Governmental Organizations Committees on Youth, the Family, and the Status of Women, and the Non-Governmental Organizations Population Task Force, as well as from Disabled Peoples' International.

National events

Czech Republic

In Prague a two-day event was organized under the sponsorship of 40 private companies in the presence of the Mayor of Prague and the Minister for Social Care. The Canadian Embassy in Prague paid the cost of 23 buses that brought seniors from various towns. Among the various shows and activities was a fashion show for older women and demonstrations and sales of goods for the use of the elderly.

Kenya

In Nairobi, HelpAge Kenya, in conjunction with the Kenyan Government, was the centre for the main celebrations, although the day was observed country-wide with local activities. The Commissioner for Social Services gave a speech on behalf of the Government at the Kariobangi Cheshire Home. Food and drinks were donated by a local hotel and the Hindu Council, and a nearby primary school entertained the guests. A free eye clinic was conducted by a charitable organization, Sight by Wings, with the assistance of the Kikuyu Eye Clinic; it drew huge numbers of elderly people. HelpAge Kenya also arranged for press and television coverage of the Day, as well as general publicity and awareness-raising.

India

In New Delhi, the International Medical Sciences Academy and the Geriatric Society of India organized a cultural event that included a variety programme of songs, skits and dances by the elderly and a fancy dress competition. Advice on health and nutrition for the elderly was also given. Guests of honour included the former Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, the President of the Governing Body of HelpAge India and the President of the National Institute for the Blind. The function was broadcast on national television.

Elderly lady dressed as Kulu maiden at a fancy dress competition in New Delhi, India

In Pune, celebrations were organized by the Academy of Senior Citizens, and the chief guest was the President of the International Federation on Ageing. On the eve of the International Day a symposium entitled "The role of a family in changing socio-economic conditions" was held to tie in with the upcoming International Year of the Family in 1994.

As in the past, HelpAge India was the driving force behind numerous events held all across the country, many of them celebrations organized by schoolchildren. There were, however, also a few seminars, a debating contest, and medical screenings for the elderly.

Austria

The Vienna Senior Centre arranged a full multicultural programme and seniors' dance on the eve of the International Day which included Kurdish and Slovak dancing, Indian sitar music, Vietnamese folklore and the Austrian Pensioners Federation mandolin orchestra. The heads of the Pensioners Federation of Austria and the Austrian Seniors Association were also present. To highlight the International Day, the Vienna Senior Centre arranged for extensive publicity in the press, which, apart from carrying news on the festivities, also addressed more serious issues involving the elderly and their community, such as the relationship between the elderly and youth in Vienna.

Pakistan

The Pakistan Senior Citizens Association and the Rotary Clubs of Karachi organized a meeting to celebrate the International Day. Speakers emphasized that the elderly were a source of knowledge and experience for the country, and especially for youth who currently tended to follow Western culture at the expense of native traditions. Mr. S. M. Zaki, Senior Vice-President of the Pakistan Senior Citizens Association, encouraged seniors to become active in securing their rights. Finally, the meeting unanimously adopted a resolution which, among other things, called for the establishment of a National Committee on the Elderly.

Tunisia

A new facility — Centre for the Protection of the Elderly at La Manouba — was officially opened on 1 October 1993. This is a new building consisting of 10 units, each housing 12 people. In the Kairouan region the local government planned for both consciousness-raising of the population and implementation of relief efforts through special ceremonies and events. Streamers were hung along main roads in the city. In addition, gifts and new wheelchairs were donated to the Kairouan Regional Centre for the Protection of the Elderly and a musical gala was arranged for the residents. It is noteworthy that on the occasion of the International Day for the Elderly in 1992, the President doubled the allowance for families taking care of elderly persons and set aside additional funds for improving residential retirement facilities for those without financial support.

Cuba

A number of activities took place throughout Cuba, involving the whole community. Entertainment events included a large party in Havana, organized by the National Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Health, and a social party with intergenerational meetings on sports, music and dance. In fact, a number of events brought the Cuban elderly and youth together. Children from primary and secondary schools visited elderly people without family and held parties in their homes. The National Society on Gerontology and Geriatrics held a meeting to examine the methods for investigating the needs and demands of the elderly in Cuba. There was also wide coverage of the celebrations in the press, and informational programmes about the elderly on television and radio.

The Caribbean

Dominican Republic

A seminar on "Gender and ageing" was convened at Santo Domingo, organized by the HelpAge International Caribbean office, Asociación Nacional de Ayuda al Anciano (the National Association for Aid to the Elderly) and the University of the Third Age. The audience comprised health professionals, community workers, women's organizations and others working with the elderly. The objective of the seminar was to raise awareness of the importance of addressing ageing issues with a gender perspective, since there were marked differences in the way men and women lived their old age. The seminar was the result of a study on this subject undertaken by the non-governmental organization Centro de Apoyo Aquelarre. The centre is arranging for dissemination of the results of the seminar and for further collaboration with other organizations.

Antigua and Barbuda

Weekly articles on the ageing process were published in the local press throughout October on behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Council for the Welfare of Senior Citizens. Government representatives appeared on call-in radio talk shows to discuss the situation of the elderly.

Saint Lucia

A week of activities coordinated by the Ministry of Social Affairs included press and media articles, craft exhibitions of work by senior citizens and a national ceremony to honour those who had made significant contributions to their communities. HelpAge Saint Lucia produced a booklet on the ageing process and health care of the elderly which is being circulated to those involved in the provision of services to the elderly.

Elsewhere in the Caribbean region, the **Barbados** National Council on Ageing held a one-day seminar on "Care for the elderly" for those involved in this area of work.

1994: INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

"We should begin where people are made: in the family"

The International Year of the Family, 1994 (IYF) was launched on 22 December 1993 at the General Assembly in New York. In his opening statement, the President of the Assembly remarked that "if we want better people to make a better world, we should begin where people are made: in the family". The Secretary-General described the family as "the oldest and the most basic unit of human organization"; his report on the International Year of the Family (A/48/293) was circulated among delegates.

The General Assembly heard reports on the situation of families in the major world regions based on IYF preparatory meetings held in Africa and Western Asia, Europe and North America, Asia and the Pacific, and Latin America and the Caribbean. The Assembly was then suspended briefly, before continuing with the general debate, to enable a special segment to be devoted to the community of non-governmental organizations and its activities in support of the International Year.

From statements made at the Assembly it could be concluded that a crisis was now gripping many families that were under the stress of poverty, unemployment, war and displacement. Many are experiencing crime, abuse, drug addiction and internal discord, and often lack the knowledge, skills and emotional balance needed for harmonious marital or intergenerational relations and child-rearing. The provision of family care for the feeble elderly at a time when populations are ageing, the family structure is changing and the status of women in society is improving gives rise to a need for new support structures.

The International Year offers Governments, peoples and international organizations an opportunity to assess the needs of families and to try to improve the support structures that this most basic unit of human organization now needs if it is to fulfil its task of making people equal to the challenges of a new age.

Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia: action on ageing in Western Asia

Approximately 15 regional and international experts gathered at an Expert Group Meeting on the development of policies and programmes for the elderly in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

(ESCWA) region, held from 19 to 21 October 1993 at Cairo, Egypt.

The meeting was convened to provide a forum for experts to assess the major demographic and non-demographic factors affecting the growth of the ageing population, as well as to review policies, programmes and services for the elderly in countries of the region. Guided by the Global targets on ageing for the year 2001: a practical strategy (A/47/339), with its global and suggested national targets, the participants formulated and adopted the ESCWA regional plan to streamline action on ageing in the countries of the region in the current decade. As a follow-up to the meeting, the ESCWA secretariat is planning to bring its recommendations to the attention of Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions concerned with ageing-related issues in the region.

The report of the meeting can be obtained from:

ESCWA
P.O. Box 927115
Amman, Jordan

INTERGOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Inter-Parliamentary Union

At the 90th Inter-Parliamentary Conference, held at Canberra, Australia, from 13 to 18 September 1993, a resolution on "The health and well-being of the elderly" was adopted without a vote. The operative paragraphs of the resolution call for, among other things, a recognition by Governments of the social and economic contributions the elderly can make to society; improvements in material conditions, including health care; and the promotion of solidarity between generations; and urge all States to adopt the United Nations Principles for Older Persons (contained in General Assembly resolution 46/91, annex) and to make a regular assessment of their progress in meeting the global and national targets on ageing.

The Inter-Parliamentary Union is made up of the representatives of the parliaments of sovereign States, and offers a worldwide focus for parliamentary dialogue to exchange experiences, discuss questions of international interest and express views which are then brought to the attention of national parliaments. The Inter-Parliamentary Conference is held twice a year. There are Inter-Parliamentary national groups in 116 countries. For further information write to the Inter-Parliamentary Union at:

Place du Petit-Saconnex
P.O. Box 438
1211 Geneva 19
Switzerland

NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVITIES

87-year-old resident of the New Delhi Home for the Aged

HelpAge India

HelpAge India organized a four-week training course for community geriatric workers during July 1993. There were 26 participants representing a variety of non-governmental organizations engaged in providing community services for the aged throughout India. The participants were trained as specialized geriatric workers, with the training based on a curriculum developed by experts at a national workshop held during 1992. The focus of the course was on achieving a balance of care between community and institutions, and imparting the practical aspects of geriatric care and health administration. HelpAge India plans to organize further training courses for other groups of social workers in various parts of the country in the future.

Source: HelpAge India News, October 1993.

African Gerontological Society

The African Gerontological Society has started publication of a biannual newsletter. In the first issue the President of the Society noted that "the World Assembly on Ageing ... has brought about an awareness

Elderly man walking down a Venice street

of ageing in Africa which was non-existent before. There is now a growing body of data, experience and infrastructure on ageing in many African countries as well as signs of a growing interest". The President also noted that some of the challenges posed by ageing in Africa included:

(*a*) Socializing a growing population of older persons;

(*b*) Assuring the well-being of the elderly within the framework of the family without overloading it due to lack of resources;

(*c*) Combating negative attitudes towards the elderly;

(*d*) Promoting healthy ageing and affordable community integrated social and health-care systems to include the elderly.

The newsletter is available from:

African Gerontological Society
P.O. Box 01803
Osu-Accra
Ghana.

PUBLICATIONS

Older People in Eastern and Central Europe — The Price of Transition to a Market Economy

This publication, written by Frank Laczko and edited by Katrina Payne, takes a close look at the increasing problems that have arisen in the move to a market economy for the elderly populations of Eastern and Central Europe. The book examines the social welfare system that existed under communism, and dispels some myths on the extent of benefits and assistance formerly provided to the aged. The book then goes on to examine specific problems that are currently contributing to falling living standards for the elderly, such as the present pension system and widespread early retirement, unemployment, weakening economies, inflation, and poor health and social welfare systems. The role of non-governmental organizations and voluntary organizations is also discussed. The book serves as a warning with respect to the increasing marginalization of the elderly in Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) countries, noting that the major part of the aid from the West during this transition phase has been for market reform, with very little in the way of social policy reform.

Available from:

HelpAge International
St. James's Walk
London EC1R 0BE
United Kingdom
(telephone: 071 253 0253)

Families and Ageing

This book is a new volume in the *Generations and Aging* series, edited by Linda Burton. It looks at the changing situation of the family and the elderly in North America, highlighting demographic changes, the cultural, ethnic and racial diversity of American society, and the general economic climate. The publication also examines the expanding non-family living situations of many Americans, and concludes with a focus on policies and programmes for the elderly.

Available from:

Baywood Publishing
Company, Inc.
26 Austin Avenue
Amityville, NY 11701, USA
(telephone: 516 691 1270)

Ficción y realidad de la politica social para la ancianidad (Fiction and reality of social policy for the elderly)

This publication, by Julia Castells and published by Centro Editor de América Latina of Argentina, is a summary of a 1988 survey of 30 old-peoples homes (profit and non-profit) throughout Argentina which looked at the situation of the elderly population and the services provided to them. The survey also analysed the relevant national and local legislation, looked at the way the homes were managed and the services provided to residents, and interviewed the residents themselves in order to get an overall picture. Argentina is an interesting case-study because the proportion of elderly in its population is already very similar to that of Western Europe, but there is not the same level of social services. The publication is available only in Spanish at present, but an article in English on the conclusions of this survey will be forthcoming in a future issue of the quarterly journal of the International Institute on Ageing.

When the Mind Fails: A Guide to Dealing with Incompetency

A practical guide to the issue of incompetency which will be of use to both laymen and professionals. The book uses real-life case-studies and examples and, although written by a medical doctor and a lawyer, goes beyond the legal and medical issues involved and also discusses social and ethical considerations.

Authored by Michel Silberfeld and Arthur Fish.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 1994 AND BEYOND

Dates	Location/contact address	Meeting
1994		
8-10 February	**Kiev, Ukraine** Institute of Gerontology Health Ministry of Ukraine Vyshgorodskaya Street 67 254114, Kiev, Ukraine Fax: 007 (044) 432 99 56	International Conference on the Health Status of Elderly and Old People and Their Needs in Medico-Social Care
21-25 February	**Graz, Austria** Psychiatrische Universitätsklinik Graz c/o Peter Hofmann, M.D. Auenbruggerplatz 22 A-8036, Graz, Austria	International Conference on Ageing, Depression and Dementia
7 April	**Marseille, France** Forma - Plus Méditerranée Scoop Formation 8, rue des Fabres F-13001 Marseille, France	European Forum: Service for Older People and Social Economy
17-22 April	**London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** WFOT 94 39 West Square London SE 11 4SP United Kingdom	Eleventh International Congress: World Federation of Occupational Therapists
29 and 30 April	**Vienna, Austria** Department of Experimental Gerontology Institute of Physiology University of Veterinary Medicine, Vienna Linke Bahngasse 11 A 1030, Vienna, Austria	Tenth Vienna Symposium on Experimental Gerontology
2-6 May	**Geneva, Switzerland** Swiss Institute for Public Health 21a, rue du Bugnon CH-1005 Lausanne, Switzerland Fax: (41) 21 312 2423	SYSTED '94: Fifth International Conference on Systems Science and Social Services for the Elderly and Disabled
12-14 May	**Winnipeg, Canada** Deer Lodge Center 2109 Portage Ave Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J GL3 Canada Fax: 204 888 1895	International Symposium on Ageing: "There's No Place Like Home"
12-15 May	**Hamilton, Canada** Office of Public Relations McMaster University 1280 Main Street West Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4L8 Canada Fax: 905 521 1504	International Conference on Communication, Ageing and Health

Dates	Location/contact address	Meeting
15-18 May	**Helsinki, Finland** Travel Experts, Ltd. P.O. Box 130 Fin-00161, Helsinki, Finland Fax: 358 611 188	Conference of the Commission on Marriage and Interpersonal Relations: Caring Responsibilities: Their Implications for Couple and Family Relationships
5-8 June	**Amsterdam, Netherlands** J. M. Van Dam Bureau POGGE Amsterdam Tafelbergweg 25 1105 BC Amsterdam, Netherlands Fax: 31 20 696 3228	International Workshop on the Borderland Between Normal and Pathological Mental Ageing
16-19 June	**Florence, Italy** Centro Italiano Congressi C.I.C. S.r.l. Via L. Spallanzani 11-00161 Rome, Italy	International Association of Gerontology: European Region. Clinical Section Congress
19-21 June	**Florence, Italy** (as above)	International Association of Gerontology: European Region. Geriatric Assessment Technology
3-7 July	**Helsinki/Tampere, Finland** Global Welfare '94 P.O. Box 63 SF-00501 Helsinki, Finland Fax: 358 701 3919	Twenty-sixth International Conference of International Council for Social Welfare
12-14 August	**Jyväskylä, Finland** Ms. Tam Maija Meilala P.O. Box 35, SF-40351 Jyväskylä, Finland Fax: 358 41 603 621	International Association of Universities of the Third Age: XVII International Congress: "Preparation for Ageing"
5-13 September	**Cairo, Egypt** ICPD secretariat 220 East 42 Street New York, NY 10017 United States of America Fax: 212 297 5250	International Conference on Population and Development
16-17 September	**Maastricht, Netherlands** The Hastings Center 255 Elm Road Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510 United States of America Fax: 914 762 2124	International Conference on the Allocation of Social and Sanitary Resources: What Do We Owe the Elderly?
17-20 September	**Toronto, Canada** American Society on Ageing 833 Market Street Suite 511 San Francisco, CA 94103-1824 United States of America	Second International Conference on Long-term Case Management: Challenges of Case Management in a Changing World
21-23 September	**Edinburgh, Scotland** CEP Consultants, Ltd. 26-28 Albany Street Edinburgh EH1 3QH Scotland Fax: 44 31 557 5749	Tenth International Conference of Alzheimer's Disease International

Dates	Location/contact address	Meeting
September	**Vienna, Austria** HelpAge International in Cooperation with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and United Nations programme on ageing HelpAge International St. James's Walk London EC1R 0BE United Kingdom Fax: 44 71 253 4814	III Seminar on Ageing in Eastern Europe
1 October	Worldwide	Fourth celebration of the International Day for the Elderly
19-21 October	**Kitakyūshū, Japan** Department of Ergonomics Institute of Industrial Ecological Sciences UOEH, 1-1 Iseigaoka Kitakyūshū 807, Japan Fax: 81 93 692 0392	XIV University of Occupational and Environmental Health International Symposium: "The Paths to Productive Aging: Health in the Workplace"
19-22 October	**Viña del Mar, Chile** Centro Gerontológico Latino, Inc. 305 Seventh Avenue New York, NY 10001 United States of America Fax: 212 633 0645	First Inter-American Conference on Gerontology
21 November – 2 December	**Valletta, Malta** International Institute on Ageing 117 St. Paul Street Valletta, VLT 07, Malta Fax: (356) 230248	Short-term Training Programme on Demographic Aspects of Population Ageing and Its Implications for Socio-Economic Development, Policies and Plans
1995		
1995	Worldwide	Fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations
13-20 January	**San José, Costa Rica** International Council for Caring Communities 24 Central Park South New York, NY 10019 United States of America Fax: 212 688 4321, **or**: Congreso de Las Américas Vicerrectoría de Acción Social, Universidad de Costa Rica Fax: 506 25 69 50	Trans-Americas Congress on Integrative Communities for Ageing Adults — Adding Life to Years
19-23 February	**São Paulo, Brazil** Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology Av. Indianapolis 2343 04063-004, São Paulo SP, Brazil Fax: 5511 578 5625	First Inter-American Congress on Ageing: Technology Transfer for Healthy Ageing

Dates	Location/contact address	Meeting
6-12 March	**Copenhagen, Denmark** Secretariat Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development of the United Nations Secretariat (DPCSD) Room S-3060A United Nations New York, NY 10017 United States of America Fax: 212 963 1010	World Summit for Social Development
30 August – 2 September	**Amsterdam, Netherlands** RAI Organisatie Bureau Amsterdam bv. P.O. Box 77777 1070 Amsterdam, Netherlands Fax: 31 20 6464469	Third European Congress of Gerontology: Ageing in a Changing Europe
5-16 September	**Beijing, China** Conference secretariat United Nations DC2-2314 New York, NY 10017 United States of America Fax: 212 963 3463	Fourth World Conference on Women
1 October	Worldwide	Fifth celebration of the International Day for the Elderly
October 1994 – June 1995	**Valletta, Malta** International Institute on Ageing 117 St. Paul Street Valletta, VLT 07, Malta Fax: (356) 230248	Postgraduate diploma and master's degree in gerontology and geriatrics
1996		
3-14 June	**Istanbul, Turkey**	Habitat II, United Nations Conference on Human Settlements
1 October	Worldwide	Sixth celebration of the International Day for the Elderly

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